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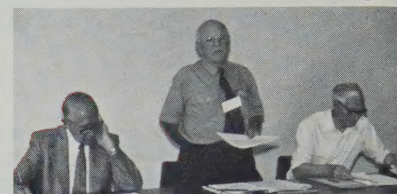
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Second Century Conference

Forward-for Christ and the Church

More than 800 delegates from 20 nations gathered August 6-9, 1982, in Edinburgh, Scotland, to usher in Christian Endeavor's second century. The 100th anniversary of the movement was observed last year during the 19th World's Convention at Portland, Maine, U.S.A., where the first society was organized February 2, 1881.

The public rallies attracted more than 1,200 to St. Cuthbert's Church. In addition to large numbers from Scotland, England, Northern Ireland, and Wales, over 200 attended from the United States, more than 100 from Western Germany, 23 from Korea, and smaller delegations from American Samoa, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Republic of Ireland, and Switzerland.

"Ceud Mile Failte"

One Hundred Thousand Welcomes

From the moment of arrival at the Pollock Halls of Residence at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland's capital city, it was evident that Scottish Endeavorers under the leadership of their national secretary, Rev. George

Campbell, had made efficient local arrangements. The residence halls, built for the 1970 Commonwealth Games, were located beside beautiful Holyrood Park and provided single-room housing with maid service, as well as delightful and bounteous meals in the Refectory.

Buses under the close direction of "starter" Philip Duncan, Scottish Union president, quickly transported delegates to St. Cuthbert's Church for the evening rallies and Sunday morning communion.

St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, located just below Edinburgh Castle at the edge of Princes Street Gardens, is one of the oldest religious foundations in Scotland, dating back some 1,300 years. It claims the title of Mother Church of the city, for many churches there owe their existence to the "Kirk below the Castle." Rev. T.C. Cuthell is the minister. The back balcony of the sanctuary was reserved for German delegates with translation provided for them in this area.

Scottish Endeavour Singers

The colorful Scottish Endeavour Singers, who were so popular at the Portland Convention, provided much of the conference music.

The Singers appeared in new tartan plaid skirts and ties and sang pre-session concerts as well as during the rallies, to the delight of the delegates. Another popular feature was the excellent German band. Delegations from Samoa, Korea, Canada, and other areas provided special music during the daytime sessions. Conference song leader was George Campbell. Jane Bartholomew of U.S.A. assisted at the piano.

Speakers at the public rallies included Rev. Arno Pagel, president of the World's Union, who gave the keynote message Friday; Rev. T.F. Wilson of England, past president of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, who spoke Saturday; Dr. Nathaniel Jarrett, U.S.A., member of the International Society Executive Committee, Sunday night for the after church rally; and the newly-installed president of the World's Union, Rev. James Murdoch of Scotland, at the Monday closing session.

The winner of the contest for the best badge design (shown above) was Heather Dennison of Brough, Yorkshire, England. She was presented with a Bible at the opening session by President Pagel.



Educational session at Holland House



Enthusiastic singing by Canadian delegates

Murdoch

Elected President

At the meeting of the World's Union Council preceding the Second Century Conference, Rev. James Murdoch of Killin, Perthshire, Scotland, was elected the fifth president of the World's Union.

Mr. Murdoch is the second president from outside the United States; Dr. Francis E. Clark, the founder, served from the organization of the World's Union in 1895 until his death in 1927; Dr. Daniel A. Poling was president for 35 years, followed by Dr. Clyde W. Meadows for 12 years; Rev. Arno Pagel of Kalbental, Western Germany, the retiring president, served 1974-1982.

Other officers elected for the 1982-86 quadrennium are: vice-presidents — Frances M. Becker (U.S.A.), Rev. Konrad Brandt (Western Germany), P.A.R. Chesterton (Australia), Joel S. Delvis (India), and Rev. Takashi Oku (Japan); general secretary — Rev. Charles W. Barner (U.S.A.); general secretary, Area II — Rev. James Heron (England); treasurer — Mrs. Clyde W. Meadows (U.S.A.); assistant treasurer — Rev. David G. Jackson (U.S.A.).

Rev. Arno Pagel was named to join Dr. Clyde W. Meadows as an honorary past president for life, in recognition of faithful service to the movement.

The Board of Trustees includes all the officers named plus the following: Lavern R. Billig (U.S.A.), Mrs. Ernest R. Bryan (U.S.A.), Rev. Enrique Capo (Spain), Rev. Murray Chambers (Australia), Dr. Albert Luka (Egypt), Rev. Christoffer Pfeiffer (Germany), B.K. Pramanik (India), Walter R. Saavedra (Guatemala), Clyde Sherk (Canada), Rev. Emlyn Stephens (Wales), Rev. Geurt van Viegen (Netherlands), Burkhard Weber

(Germany), Harold E. Westerhoff (U.S.A.), and Baik Young-Gi (Korea).

The Board also includes Area II Chairman Alan J. Ramsey (England) and Treasurer Wilfred Bird (England) and Rev. Andrew Wright (England), honorary vice-president for life.

Elected to serve on the Executive Committee with the president, general secretary, Area II general secretary, and the treasurer were: Konrad Brandt, Clyde Meadows, Clyde Sherk, and Harold Westerhoff.

William J. Sharpe was named as a Council member-at-large.

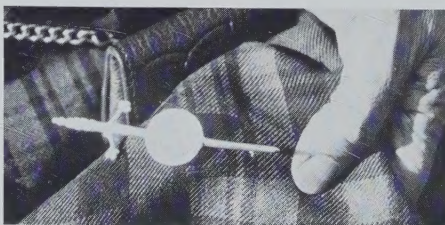
Installation

The newly-elected officers and trustees were installed during the closing session of the conference August 9 by Rev. Arno Pagel, who based his installation challenge on the rallying cry of the Covenanters.

During the traditional ceremony of the transfer of the Presidential Chain, the background music of the words of the Covenant was by the Scottish Endeavour Singers.

Past President Clyde Meadows presented monetary gifts of appreciation from the officers and Council members to Arno Pagel for his eight years of service and to William J. Sharpe for 26 years in the office of Area II general secretary.

Philip Duncan, Scottish Union president, presented a CE monogram silver kilt pin to James Murdoch as a token of love to their "Mr. Christian Endeavour" from Endeavorers of Scotland. They wanted to give him something to wear as he goes around the world which would remind him of their support at home.

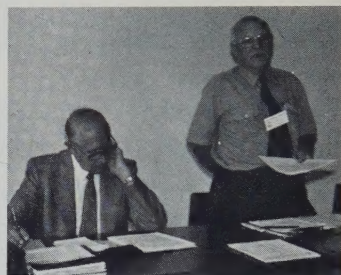


Silver Monogrammed C.E. Kilt Pin

Two surprise musical gifts for Mr. Pagel were a violin solo by seven-year-old Manuela and a piano solo by Andreas Woyke, both from Germany.

Area II Elects

At its meeting August 3 in Edinburgh the Area II Council elected the following Area officers: chairman, Alan J. Ramsey (England); vice-chairman, Joel S. Delvis (India); treasurer, Wilfred Bird (England). These officers will serve until the next Area II meeting. Rev. James Heron who was elected Area II general secretary by the Council of the World's Union will serve 1982-86. Area II encompasses Europe, Africa, India, Pakistan, and the Near East.



William J. Sharpe and Alan J. Ramsey at the Area II Meeting

World's Union Committees

The following committees were named at the official meetings in Edinburgh:

1982-86 Finance Committee: Konrad Brandt (Western Germany), chairman; Wilfred Bird (England), Joel S. Delvis (India), David G. Jackson (U.S.A.), Mrs. Clyde W. Meadows (U.S.A.), and Clyde Sherk (Canada).

1986 World's Convention Program Committee: Francis M. Becker (U.S.A.), chairman; James Carson (Northern Ireland), Margaret L. Clarkson (Canada), James Heron (England), Albert Luka (Egypt), Mrs. Clyde W. Meadows (U.S.A.), Takashi Oku (Japan), Christoffer Pfeiffer (Western Germany); Wendy Wachter (U.S.A.)

21st Convention Time and Place Committee: Lavern R. Billig (U.S.A.) chairman; B.K. Pramanik (continued on page 13)

“Standing at an Open Door . . . Ready for a Hundred More!”

Major speakers at the Second Century Conference did a little looking back to the movement's first hundred years, but the main thrust of their messages was the future. In the words of the Centenary Song by the Endeavour Singers, Christian Endeavor is “standing at an open door . . . ready for a hundred more!”



Scottish Endeavour Singers

Keynote Message

President Arno Pagel began by reading a telegram from Gotthard Blumrich, chairman of youth groups in Eastern Germany, with an appeal to rejoice and give thanks (I Chronicles 16:8-10). He stated that despite the failings and shortcomings of men during the first hundred years, God has used Christian Endeavor as an instrument of blessing. “Thousands and thousands of young people have found Christ as personal Lord and Savior and have learned to serve Christ,” he said, emphasizing again that we have “so much reason to rejoice in the Lord.”

He used three personal experiences to show when and why and where he had the privilege to rejoice in the Lord and see the great

deeds of God in the Christian Endeavor movement.

He told of visiting with a 100-year-old Scottish Endeavorer during last year's convention at Motherwell and hearing her sing a hymn and confirm in a clear and strong voice, “Jesus never fails.” “It makes us rejoice,” he said, “that people not only find the Lord in their young years, but are kept in His love and in His guidance and many years later give this testimony.”

The second experience took place at a big Christian Endeavor convention in Germany. He challenged youth to listen for the call of the Lord into full service and used the illustration of a carpenter. A young carpenter who was listening felt the call was to him and responded to the Lord and became a missionary to Thailand. “Experiences like this have made my heart rejoice again and again,” stated Mr. Pagel, “when Christian Endeavor was used by the Lord.”

Mr. Pagel's closing illustration went back to the summer of 1948 when he was one of four Germans who attended the first post-war



Evening session at St. Cuthbert's

World's Union meeting held at Bournemouth in England. Arriving with much concern about how they as Germans would be received, they left rejoicing and Mr. Pagel now says, “I will never forget this atmosphere of Christian love and forgiveness, of Christian fellowship.”

President Pagel concluded, “Let us pray that God will continue to make our hearts rejoice in Him and that He will continue to use our beloved movement as an instrument for His peace.”

Resurgence Ahead

Saturday night the Rev. Fred Wilson, Baptist preacher and former president of the Lancashire and Chesheshire Union in England, related many experiences with the society in his church. His message was based on II Peter 1:10, “Give diligence to make your calling and election sure.”



Rev. James Murdoch, Wilfred Bird, and Rev. Fred Wilson

It was because of an evangelistic campaign sponsored by the Endeavorers that he was first invited to the church from which he just retired after 37 years. He credits their support with helping him work for revival in this downtown church.

He commented, "The church put many young men and young women on the mission field and in Christian work and they had their training in Christian Endeavor."

He viewed the text as going on from the point of receiving salvation and spoke of these three things to which God has called us: holiness, love, and good works. "That is what Christian Endeavor is all about," he said.

Mr. Wilson explained how holiness, which is wrapped up in the whole Christian message of reconciliation, can be learned within committee work and how we can learn to walk in love in the fellowship of Christian Endeavor and then move outside the fellowship with good works.

If we follow these three points, Mr. Wilson predicts a resurgence in our societies and in our Christian life. His concluding challenge was, "Give diligence so that God might fulfill His purposes in our lives as an individual, in our society, and in every part of our worldwide society. If we do this then Browning's words will be true, 'The best is yet to be' "

"High on the Word"

Dr. Nathaniel Jarrett, who is Director of Youth Ministry of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, (referring to St. Cuthbert's very high pulpit) began by saying he was "high on the Word."

Using the call of Samuel (1 Samuel 3:1-10), Dr. Jarrett reflected on the specific calling that comes to the individual from God. He stated that if in this second century Christian Endeavor is going to continue as a viable movement for the Lord, we are going to have to be very careful in terms of how we receive His call; we must listen with our hearts and with our souls, and we must respond with our lives. He made a clear challenge to individuals to listen, for he believes that the Lord is calling and that
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A Tribute To REV. ARNO PAGEL

President, World's Christian Endeavor Union
1974-1982

by Charles W. Barner, General Secretary

For eight years, 1974-82, Rev. Arno Pagel distinguished himself as the spiritual leader of the World's Christian Endeavor Union. In 1974 he received the presidential chain from the hands of Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, his predecessor, thus becoming the fourth president of the World's Union and the first one from outside the United States of America.

Mr. Pagel was well prepared to serve in the highest office of the Christian Endeavor movement. As a youth he committed his life to Jesus Christ and during his teen years was active in a Bible club while growing in the knowledge of his Lord and Savior. He began to study theology in 1933 and his academic pursuits took him the University of Bonn and the University of Marburger. He was ordained to the Christian ministry by the "Confessing Church" during the turbulent time when Adolph Hitler was in power in Germany.

In 1940 Mr. Pagel was drafted into the army and was stationed at Kassel for several years. Here he came into close contact with the Christian Endeavor movement and Otto Kaiser, president of the German Union. He was privileged to preach in local churches on the weekends and help with youth work. Following the war he was employed as a field secretary of the German Christian Endeavor Union. There was a revival of Christian youth camps and conferences during these unforgettable days and a new German Christian Endeavor Union was built.

For twenty years (1952-72) Mr. Pagel served as president of the German Union. He also served the Lord for 15 years (1964-79) as director of the Marburger Mission. While traveling for the mission he started new Christian Endeavor societies on Manus, Iceland, and in Brazil.

Mr. Pagel has participated in all the World's Christian Endeavor Conventions since the Second World War and has spoken at conventions in Austria, Egypt, England, Holland, India, Ireland, Italy, Luxemburg, Nigeria, Norway, Portugal, Scotland, Spain, and Switzerland.

Much time has been spent in writing thirty-five books, most of them are biographies of outstanding Christian personalities and several about the mission work. Three of his books provide background in the field of Christian Endeavor — one, a biography of Dr. Francis E. Clark, founder of the movement; a second, the history of the Christian Endeavor movement in Germany; and the third, **WORLDWIDE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR**, deals with personalities, events, and testimonies in the first century of the movement.

This warm-hearted evangelical minister, who proclaimed the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world in English as well as German, endeared himself to the leaders who surrounded him by involving them in the leadership of the movement. As he transferred the mantle of leadership to his successor, The Reverend James Murdoch, at the closing session of the Second Century Conference August 9, 1982, he pledged his continuing support to the movement he loves and through which he has served Jesus Christ.

A Tribute To WILLIAM J. SHARPE

General Secretary, Area II
1956-1982

by Alan J. Ramsey, Area II Chairman

LIFT OFF

*by Rev. James Heron
Area II General Secretary*

After 26 years as the general secretary of Area II of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, William J. Sharpe asked to be relieved of his duties and the Council has acceded to his request.

"Bill," as he is so affectionately known by his many friends, was appointed in Oslo in 1956 to follow the Rev. Andrew Wright. Fluent in the German language and a well-known Christian Endeavor tour leader, he has visited all parts of Area II and together we have travelled many thousands of miles, making and renewing contacts in all European countries. He was a real "contact" man.

His covenant pledge that "I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do" he carried out in an exemplary manner. He worked with care and precision and was always willing to go "the extra mile."

Bill went to many World's Christian Endeavor Conventions and always on his return was in great demand to show his transparencies and talk on World Christian Endeavor.

Following the Second World War he was sent by His Majesty's Government to assess what should be done for Christian youth in Germany. He sat on the floor of an army transport plane with several highranking army personnel, each of whom had a special assignment from the government.

He was an accomplished mountaineer and scaled many formidable heights, but he was never a "climber" in Christian Endeavor or other circles. He was always willing to advise and help. He was president of the British Christian Endeavor Union and held offices in the society, union, federation, national union, and World's Union. He gave generously of his time, his ability, and wide experience.

He was a regular stalwart of his local church, "supporting its services in every way within his power." His wife Marie also was a true Endeavorer, helping and supporting him in all that was done "For Christ and the Church."

Though he concludes his office as Area II general secretary, Bill cannot and will not end his lifetime zeal for and interest in Christian Endeavor.

He showed

Complete Engagement . . . in work for the Master

which was a

Costly Experiment . . . in time, thought, and energy.

His

Consecrated Example . . . to young and old alike

is now a

Culminated Experience

giving

Considerable Easement . . . in routine correspondence.

Thus has

Christ been Exalted throughout his service.

If the conference in Edinburgh served as a launching pad into the Second Century of Christian Endeavor, then we have lift off, and it's a case of all systems going. We are together scaling the heights and the "Second Hundred" has begun for our beloved movement.

The conference itself was one of inspiration as we gathered round the Word of God and heard His voice in every line. The messages at the public rallies were sound and delivered in the power of the Holy Spirit, and combined with the messages in song, inspired the delegates to plumb the depths of revealed truth.

The enrichment of fellowship, which is always a time of strengthening existing ties and binding new bonds which draw believing hearts as one, again proved to be a valuable contribution to our time together.

Many had their own prayer time within the Pollock Halls complex and the drawing of hearts around the throne of grace proved to give added power to the whole spirit of unity that pervaded the atmosphere.

So, all were fused into a fervent fellowship with Christ's people for Christ and the Church.

The intention of the conference was to encourage delegates from all parts of the Christian Endeavor world to go forward and I am certain that this was achieved in the hearts and lives of so many who were present.



Edinburgh as seen from the Castle



Pipers and Drummers at the Ceilidh



General Secretary Charles W. Barner with Dr. Clyde W. Meadows at exhibit



German and Indian delegates visit with George Campbell



Pollock Halls and Holyrood Park

more than messages...

Daytime sessions at the university Saturday and Monday included Bible studies, a Junior Leaders Get-Together, and educational sessions. After the evening rallies Friday and Sunday a discussion period was directed by Rev. Konrad Brandt; Saturday a "Late Night Extra" musical program was led by George Campbell.

Following the Sunday communion service at St. Cuthbert's, led by Rev. Murray Chambers of Australia, four double-decker buses took some of the delegates to local Baptist churches, while others remained at St. Cuthbert's to hear Rev. Arno Pagel or went to historic St. Giles' Cathedral (the high kirk of Edinburgh) to listen to Rev. T.F. Wilson.

Due to a rainy afternoon the open air session planned at the Meadows was moved to Holland House. Donald Cormack, Scottish evangelist, was the speaker.

Saturday and Monday afternoons delegates enjoyed a city sight-seeing tour or attended a Scottish Ceilidh arranged by the Viewfield Baptist Church of Dunfermline. The colorful Ceilidh was held in Glen Pavilion in Pittencrieff Park in Dunfermline, ancient capital of Scotland. Following a Highland Reception, there was Scottish music, Highland dancing, a pipes and drums massed youth band, and country dancing. As advertised, it was "a real lively, tuneful Scottish occasion."

Studies in the Word

The morning Bible studies were in three groups — one in German led by Rev. Lothar Velten. The other groups on Saturday were led by Rev. James Carson (Northern Ireland) and Rev. Geurt van Viegen (Netherlands); leaders Monday were Rev. James Heron (England) and Rev. Takashi Oku (Japan).

Jim Carson based his study on Colossians 1, emphasizing confession of Christ. He explained that the root meaning of confession is "to agree with God." To do this we must get the message clear that Christ died for us and we must first be reconciled with God and then live what we are confessing. We are called to be faithful to our Lord, to confess Christ Jesus before men; the task of drawing men and women to Jesus Christ is God's through His Holy Spirit.

Using John 12:19-26, Geurt van Viegen emphasized that the world needs to see Jesus and our task for the second century primarily is making Him known to the world. Following and serving Jesus go hand in hand. The most important thing is what you do. Martin Luther said, "Life not used in His service is stolen." Service is for an end: to glorify Christ (1 Peter 4:11).

Monday morning's studies were based on fellowship, using Philipians 2:1-4. This covers fellowship with God — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; fellowship in the church, and a fellowship of love. We must have one attachment (like-minded), one aim (same love), and one accord (bonds of love).

Crossroads, Not Dead End

At the Communion Rev. Murray Chambers based his meditation on Matthew 26:17-30 and called on delegates to learn again to recognize each other's needs and their fellowship in Jesus Christ. He believes Christian Endeavor is at a crossroads, but not a dead end. The Lord is challenging to new directions. The answer is not in the name of the movement alone, but in obedience and faithfulness to Jesus Christ.

Konrad Brandt involved delegates from around the world in panel discussions with the Friday

night emphasis on living under any circumstances by Christian Endeavor principles and Sunday night's theme being living as Endeavorers in our churches. Delegates heard of problems and opportunities from Ireland to India, from Nigeria to Samoa, and had time for questions and comments.

With most of the delegates housed at the university there was much face-to-face discussion and fellowship — both in the residence halls and in the queues at mealtime outside the Refectory. A particularly pleasant place for fellowship was the terrace room where coffee and tea were served following lunch and dinner.

Music was the main feature of the Late Night Extra and delegates were especially thrilled to hear the Samoan Endeavorers and the Korean delegation.

Juniors Participate

A group of Juniors from Granton Baptist Church participated in song in the Saturday evening session. Mrs. Elizabeth McGrouther (Scotland) was in charge of the special get-together each morning for Junior leaders.

Educational Sessions

The educational sessions Saturday and Monday morning were most informative. With Lavern Billig as chairman Saturday, the period included a historical review of the movement by Harold E. Westerhoff, a report from Korea by Baik Young-Gi, and information on the work in Australia by P.A.R. Chesterton. Monday's session was chaired by Dr. Albert Luka and featured reports from India by Joel Delvis, Western Germany by Rev. Konrad Brandt, and American Samoa by Rev. Otto Galea'i.

Baik Young-Gi (Mr. "Praise the Lord") introduced the 23 delegates from Korea and reported they have 503,200 members in 576 local societies. Explaining how the

movement grew, he said that individual devotions are a key. Each day from 4:30 to 5:30 a.m. Christian Endeavorers attend church to pray; this is important for a strong movement. Every member also recites Scripture before breakfast. Another key to growth is united activities — service by local groups contributing money, publishing reports and topics, Christmas and Eastern concerts (400 are in the Christian Endeavor choir), Bible study, visiting other groups, and supporting missions.

Alf Chesterton reported that Australian Endeavorers will mark the 100th birthday of the movement there with a service June 5, 1983, in Geelong, Victoria, where the biennial national convention is scheduled in January 1984. They have 1,600 grades (societies), and are seeing signs of growth in recent years. Rev. Murray Chambers, national coordinator of field work, reported that he is contacting pastors in an effort to create a climate where Christian Endeavor will once again be welcome in the churches.

Joel Delvis indicated his special interest in visiting Edinburgh because Scottish missionaries are very close to many churches and institutions in India. In fact, his father named him "Delvis" in memory of a missionary who was a close friend. India, too, will mark the 100th anniversary of the movement there in 1983. Mr. Delvis, who has been an Endeavorer since he was a young boy, stated, "What I am today I give all the credit and thanks to God that I was in Christian Endeavor. But for that I do not think I would have been anywhere."

Mr. Delvis also reported on the partnership between India and the German Union. Today there are 24 projects requiring 3,500,000 rupees annually in operation; these include children's homes, hostels, technical and industrial in-

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Belgian delegates visit with Rev. Geurt Van Viegen of the Netherlands



American Samoan delegation



Korean women in native dress



Koreans presenting gifts to Dr. and Mrs. Meadows



Mexican delegates at lunch

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stitutes, and scholarships for students. He commented that Indians do not feel that "the Germans are giving and we are receiving." Rather, it is a partnership in Christ; "We are working together," he stated. Exchange visits have brought the two unions very close to each other.

Konrad Brandt presented a detailed written report of three projects of the German Union. The social and missionary work in India, which they have engaged in for over 20 years, now has a new title, **SERVICE**, which stands for **S**ocial **E**conomic **R**ehabilitation **V**olunteers **I**n **C**hristian **E**ndeavor.

He also told the Counselling Center for unstable young Christians which was opened three years ago; of 57 who were there from 3 weeks to 2 months, 16 did not complete the therapy, but 41 have been rehabilitated — 72% success. The third project covered is a series of 40 nationwide children's crusades begun in 1981, with a week of meetings in each city.

Mr. Galea'i gave the background of the work in American Samoa and reported that Samoans are now living in Hawaii and on the west coast of the United States. The union publishes weekly topic materials, emphasizes the monthly consecration meeting, and has an annual General Assembly in June with 1,000 attending. This union is now a part of the International Society.

The message that there are open doors around the world for the Gospel and for Christian Endeavor came through loud and clear.



Morning session at Holland House

In Memoriam REV. EMLYN STEPHENS

Endeavorers in Wales were saddened to learn of the death of their national president, Rev. Emlyn Stephens, on August 21, 1982. Mr. Stephens participated in the Second Century Conference at Edinburgh and was elected to the World's Union Board of Trustees. He had attended many World's Conventions and led Bible studies

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God has given the talents and abilities needed for Endeavorers to represent Him and to witness for Him in this second century.

Dr. Jarrett climaxed his message by this challenge, "The Lord is calling you. Hear Him. Recognize Him. Respond to Him. For it is not enough to simply say that 'For Christ and the Church' is our motto in this new century, but we must have that personal encounter with God. We need to have that personal encounter so that we can respond to God as He speaks to us individually. Listen for that call."



Delegates enjoying a service at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church

New President's Challenge

Following his installation as the fifth World's Union president, Rev. James Murdoch reflected on how amazed he felt that he had been elected and said, "If Jim Murdoch can become world president of Christian Endeavor, almost anyone can!" He asked for prayers and said that he will keep in touch with anyone who wants to be on his prayer list, telling about his travels and what is happening in Christian Endeavor around the world.

at both Essen in 1974 and Portland in 1981.

Mr. Stephens held pastorates in the Rhondda Valley all his ministerial life and had a Christian Endeavor society at each church. This was his second term as president of Wales; because of his unfailing devotion to the movement he was elected to a special two-year presidency to lead the union in its centenary celebrations.



World's Union President James Murdoch and his wife, Betty

President Murdoch gave special recognition to Albert Wyer, who as a young deacon persuaded him 51 years ago to become a part of the local society which was reorganized in their church. Later he encouraged Jim to serve as missionary convener and he has had an interest in Christian work around the world ever since.

Mr. Murdoch spoke about the movement and his desire to see it continue to go forward. Regarding the need to be dedicated Christians, he commented on the CE monogram, which can be interpreted to mean "all endeavoring in Christ" or that "Christ is all and in all."

Noting that Christian Endeavor is not only Christ-centered, but also church-based, President Murdoch spoke on the great need for loyalty to Christ's Church — we need to be *for* the Church. He closed the Second Century Conference by reading the Christian Endeavor Covenant.

Christian Endeavor's First Family

Once upon a time James Murdoch, fifth president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, was encouraged by Albert Wyer, a senior deacon of the Gourrock Baptist Church in Clyde, Scotland, to join their Christian Endeavor society. That humble start, similar to the beginnings of so many Christian Endeavor leaders around the world, led Jim Murdoch from one position to a higher position, from one responsibility to a greater responsibility, from a member of a Christian Endeavor society to president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union. The road markers read — society member, society president, union president, Scottish President 1957, British President 1962, World's President 1982. *Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength*, Jim has followed in the service footsteps of Christian Endeavor leaders worldwide.

In September 1944 Jim and Betty Murdoch were married by a Baptist Padre in St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Cairo, Egypt. They had met in Egypt where Jim was



Jim and Betty Murdoch in their living room at Killin

serving with the Armed Forces and Betty was secretary to a missionary. Three children joined the household (Heather, David, and Alistair), all of whom are in Christian Endeavor.

When Jim and Betty returned to Glasgow, Scotland, from Egypt, he entered his family printing business until he felt drawn into the ministry as a Baptist minister. He served in the East Kilbride Baptist Church and the Larkhall Baptist Church from which he retired from the ministry.

Jim says, "Christian Endeavour showed me that only the best is good enough in our service 'For Christ and the Church.' Through its influence on my life I learned to pray, started to preach, and realized the need to serve others for Christ's sake. It taught me the truth of the quote, 'Just one life, it will soon be past; only what's done for Christ will last.' As I go around the world in the next four years I look forward to meeting many young people, encouraging them and helping Christian Endeavour do for them what it has done for me.

"I am seeking to follow in the steps of one of the greatest Christian Endeavour leaders given to the movement worldwide by Scotland — one who in my opinion would have made an outstanding World President. I refer to past Alumni President, Dr. James Kelly, who for 32 years was vice-president to Dr. Poling and continued to take an active interest as long as he lived. He often said that the important word in the Covenant was the word *whatever*. 'I will strive to do *whatever* He would like to have me do.' As I now step out in this great task I just want to do whatever my Lord and Master would have me do, not only for Christian Endeavour, but for the greater glory of His name and the building up of His Church against which not even the forces of the evil one can prevail."

And from Betty, "It was our common experience in Christian Endeavour that drew us together in the first place and then later prepared me for the role of a minister's wife and leadership amongst the Baptist women of Scotland."



The Murdoch's 200-year-old home in Killin, Perthshire, Scotland

International Fellowship Tour

by Mrs. Lucille Billig

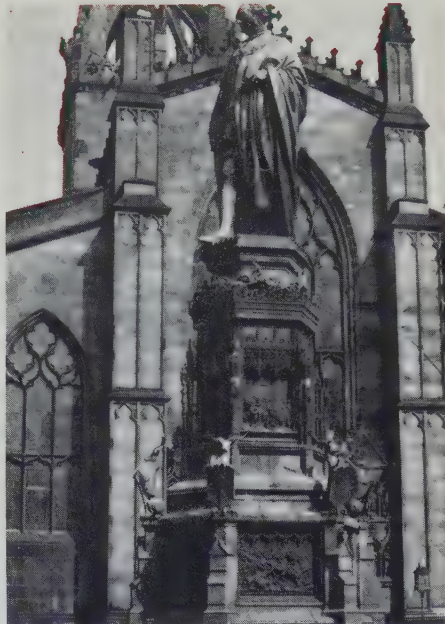
The 13-ton bell of Big Ben was tolling 7 AM that Saturday morning in August when 200 of us arrived in London, England, for the Christian Endeavor International Fellowship Tour.

Trying to ignore the jet lag, we determined to see all we could of the remarkable ornate capital city of our mother country. Camera shutters were very busy as our four bus drivers pointed out the highlights: Parliament buildings, St. Paul's Cathedral, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, London Bridge and Tower Bridge, the Thames River, the Lord Mayor's home, London Tower, 10 Downing Street, and Hyde Park.

While on our walking tour to Trafalgar Square, the traffic was confusing. "They were doing it all wrong!" We sure needed those painted signs as we stepped off the curb, "LOOK RIGHT," and in the center of the street, "LOOK LEFT."

Joining 5000 other sight-seers in 90 degree weather, we watched the pageantry of the Changing of the Guard in front of Buckingham Palace, marveling at the ritual and precision of that colorful military ceremony. Could we ever forget the ornate band, the plumed hats, the shine of the turned-up shoes, the barked orders, the horse guards? Even though we didn't see the Queen or Charles or Diana, we'll always remember that Little Prince William was christened while we were in England.

As Big Ben tolled in Sunday morning, we made our way to London's largest and most famous church, St. Paul's Cathedral, with its impressive dome and cross. The inside, with its elaborate



St. Giles Cathedral with a statue of John Knox in front

arches and columns, stained glass windows, lacy colored stonework, intricate chandeliers and 100 miniature lamps, was absolutely beautiful. It was easy to see why Diana and Charles chose it for their wedding. What a thrill to be able to worship there. At the bottom of the "Order of Service" was this sentence, "O Lord, never suffer us to think that we can stand by ourselves and not need Thee."

Big Ben was chiming six bells when we were trying out the "underground" (subway) to attend an evening service at Westminster Abbey, a magnificent "palace cathedral," where most of Britain's heroes and poets are honored and most monarchs have been crowned. The Rev. Bryant challenged us to practice thanksgiving for the little things in everyday life.

It may be as someone remarked, "If you've seen one castle, you've seen them all," but each had its particular charm and personality.

The Tower of London, a medieval fortress with its series of great towers and parapets, was a magical sight, especially under its night-



The Deputy Provost of Edinburgh greets Philip Duncan, Scottish Union President, and Arno Pagel, World's Union President, at Civic Reception.



Scottish Ceilidh dancer time floodlights.

Windsor Castle on the Thames, the home of the Royal Family for almost 900 years, is the largest inhabited castle in the world. On the other side of the Round Tower are the royal apartments and staterooms in which President Reagan was recently entertained.

The great Warwick Castle perched on a ledge of rocks above the River Avon, was complete with moat, dungeon, and two sliding iron gates meant to trap any intruders while the women poured boiling oil on them from the upper windows. Fascinating life-like wax figures carried on the daily business of living in the old, old staterooms.

The origins of Edinburgh Castle in Scotland, situated on the edge of a precipice, go back into the dim past of Scottish history. Today it is a national war memorial and museum and includes a tiny chapel dating from 1072.

Old literature lessons came alive as we poked around the Charles Dickens' museum, walked through Gray's "Country Churchyard," drove past Burns' cottage and toured Shakespeare country: his

home, his burial place, the chained Bible he probably read from, and the thatched roof cottage of his wife, Anne Hathaway.

Some of us had the unique experience of staying in the Christian Endeavour House in Leamington, the British headquarters of Christian Endeavor. A young couple, Paul and Corinne Wilson, manage the house which provides beds and meals for 30 guests and is open for conferences, retreats and travelers like us.

Later, we were to tour another beautiful Christian Endeavor guest house, Castle Erin, on the coast of Northern Ireland. "What a place for a seashore vacation," we all agreed.

A touching sight was the remains of the great Coventry Cathedral leveled by bombs during the last war. A single wall and spire of the old church remains, with an altar and cross fashioned from the burned timbers. Across the veranda, we marveled at the imposing modern cathedral, opened in 1962, with brilliant stained glass windows from floor to ceiling and a giant wall of glass etched with abstract figures.

Driving north through England's gentle hills with their touch of purple heather, we reached the picturesque region of peaceful lakes and mountains and lovely formal gardens. No wonder it is Britain's favorite "holiday" area.

Our welcome into Scotland included a glittering reception by Edinburgh's Lord Provost, and was a fitting beginning to the World's Christian Endeavor Second Century Conference, the highlight and real reason for our tour.

We caught the true flavor of the capital of Scotland when we found a Scottish lad playing the bagpipes in front of the statue of Sir Walter Scott. We walked down famous Princes Street; rode the red double-decked buses; shopped in the woolen mills for tartans; attended church in famous St. Giles Cathe-

dral where John Knox was minister for 13 years; walked the Royal Mile to the castle and to Holyrood Palace, the main royal residence when the Queen visits Scotland; took a misty ride on famous Loch Lomond; ate Scottish shortbread and black pudding and baked beans for breakfast; and, attended a Scottish Ceilidh, a cultural extravaganza with kiltclad dancers and singers.

Crossing the North Channel on a large ferry, we strained for our first glimpse of Ireland — bright green fields dotted with white sheep and a white lighthouse. Beautiful warm weather accompanied us all day as we drove along the east coast "ohing" and "ahing" over the Glens of Antrim with their breathtaking views — rugged cliffs, deep glens, steep-sloped mountains, waterfalls, an occasional castle, and the unique Giant's Causeway.

Our bodies wanted to sleep, but no one wanted to miss the sights — fields of cabbage, turnips, and Irish potatoes, stucco houses tucked in the valleys, picturesque old cemeteries around ancient churches, pine tree forests, heather on the mountain slopes, and field after field of sheep partitioned

off by dark green hedgerows or unique stone fences.

As the bus stopped for a wayward sheep someone recited Isaiah 53:6 and we all joined in repeating the 23rd Psalm.

It was great to meet the British people, in stores, restaurants, in castles and cathedrals, on the streets and in the buses, and they never failed to be friendly, polite, and anxious to go "the second mile" to be helpful. Of course, our own tour bus drivers and guides became special friends, sharing in many of our activities.

As we reflect on our Christian Endeavor International Fellowship Tour...

It was a *tour*, more fascinating than we could have imagined.

It was a *fellowship*, friendships made from traveling and worshipping together.

It was *international*, a meeting of people from 20 nations.

It was *Christian Endeavor*. A World's Christian Endeavor Conference had brought us together, inspired us and sent us home to share our faith.

Thanks, Charles and Dave, for arranging it for us.

And, Big Ben, we hope to hear you chime again someday.

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(India), Walter Saavedra (Guatemala), Burkhard Weber (Germany).

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President Murdoch and General Secretary Barner are ex officio members of all committees.

Next Convention in Egypt

By action of the Council, the 20th World's Christian Endeavor Convention will be held in 1986 in

Egypt; the specific date and location are yet to be determined. This will be the first World's Convention in Africa. Dr. Albert Luka, general secretary of the Egyptian Union, and Dr. Samuel Habib, president, presented the invitation and indicated that Endeavorers and churches in Egypt will be greatly privileged and inspired to have this convention in their country.

1986-90 Theme

"Jesus Christ — The Life" (based on John 14:6) was selected by Council members as the 1986-90 quadrennial theme for the World's Union as well as the theme for the 1986 Convention.

Belgium

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GRANDE SURPRISE ET AUSSI UNE GRANDE JOIE.
L'ORGANISATION ÉTAIT BIEN MALGRÉ LE
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MAIS LA CHOSE LA PLUS IMPORTANTE QUE NOUS AVONS
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PAR VOS PRIÈRES C.E BELGE - EN CHRIST

(Written in French)

by Rev. Takashi Oku

The conference was well organized and the wonderful Christian fellowship with many delegates gathering from over the world was full of blessings and joyful.

At the time as the air of crisis grows in this world, the mission of the Christian Endeavor in the second century should be very important, and we wish to carry out our responsibility with all our might.

We look forward to seeing one another again at the next convention in Egypt, after fighting the good fight of the faith each in our own position.

by P.A.R. Chesterton

My most vivid experience at the Second Century Conference in Edinburgh was that of the unrestrained volume of friendliness which was evident in every situation.

Endeavorers from the 20 nations represented extended genuine warm friendship — be it at the meal table, in the bus, around the campus, wherever — which in itself gave strength and meaningful Christian impact to every phase of conference activity. There was the exquisitely rich experience of a warm and strong handshake, a heartwinning smile, a pleasurable “Hi,” “Hello,” or “God bless you” from delegates from all around the globe exhibiting the absolute reality of *FELLOWSHIP WITH CHRIST’S PEOPLE*.

Associated with the friendliness aspect of the conference experience was my impression of the mass rallies. The attention and spontaneity of all delegates was a high in Christian experience. The absolute depth of atmosphere during the communion service was a profound Christian experience as all so evidently wholly responded in a most meaningful way to . . . "Take, eat"; "Take, drink" "in memory of Christ's sacrifice for you."

by Miriam Sararus

From the east and west, the north and south, Christian Endeavorers from around the world who converged in Edinburgh, Scotland, for the Second Century Conference were richly rewarded. It was a time of rich spiritual blessing and Christian fellowship in a city rich in historical significance. The warm hospitality of the Scottish Endeavorers will long be remembered as will the meal-time opportunities of becoming acquainted with people from other countries.

The conference seemed to be the crossroads of the world for conversations were heard in many different languages. Age was no barrier and the friendliness shown by teenagers to seniors was commendable, especially the Woodstock, New York, U.S.A., group who adopted a Canadian Grandpa and Grandma who were also Oma and Oppa to Iris from Germany.

Sunday morning's communion service and the glorious music of the Scottish Endeavour Singers directed by George Campbell and the German brass band along with the Bible study sessions by Rev. James Carson and Rev. James Heron were conference highlights. The encouraging reports of the growth of Christian Endeavor in many areas are evidence of the fact that "Jesus Christ is Lord" and that "He Lives" in the hearts of committed Christians today.

India

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(Written in Tamil)

The President's Corner

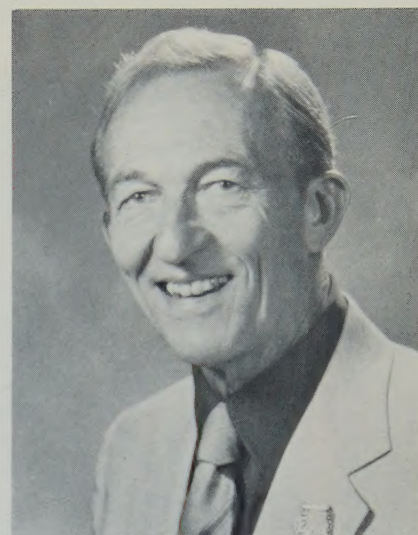
by Lavern Billig

The International Christian Endeavor Fellowship Tour to Great Britain is now history but the memories of it will last forever. You have read in this issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD about the many interesting and exciting things that took place on the tour. There are a number of benefits to be realized from a tour such as this.

First, we were together with like-minded people. We had prayer on the bus before we started out in the

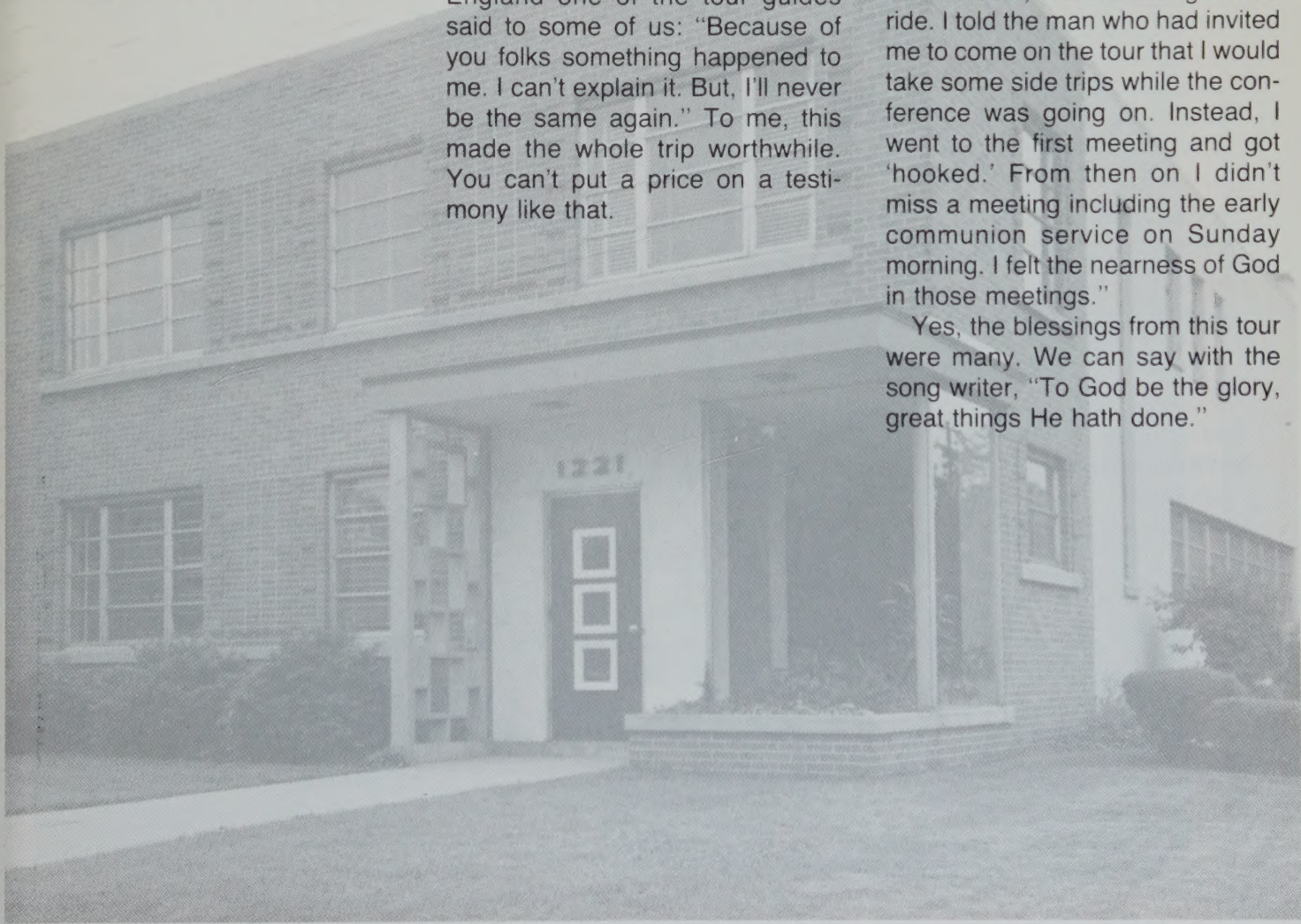
morning. We gathered together in the evening at our hotels and guest houses and sang songs of the faith. Many of us had never met each other before this trip but being together for two weeks gave us an opportunity to really get acquainted. The lasting friendships made on tour are better than silver and gold.

We also had the opportunity to live out our faith in Christ before our bus drivers, tour guides, and others with whom we came in contact. On the last night we were in England one of the tour guides said to some of us: "Because of you folks something happened to me. I can't explain it. But, I'll never be the same again." To me, this made the whole trip worthwhile. You can't put a price on a testimony like that.



The main purpose for the tour, of course, was to participate in the Second Century Conference held in Edinburgh, Scotland. I could tell you how thrilling it was to be with 1200 others each night at St. Cuthbert's Church but let me relate what one of the tour members told me. He said, "I came along for the ride. I told the man who had invited me to come on the tour that I would take some side trips while the conference was going on. Instead, I went to the first meeting and got 'hooked.' From then on I didn't miss a meeting including the early communion service on Sunday morning. I felt the nearness of God in those meetings."

Yes, the blessings from this tour were many. We can say with the song writer, "To God be the glory, great things He hath done."



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